

HIGHER EDUCATION TASK FORCE

2007 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Kory M. Holdaway

Senate Sponsor: Gregory S. Bell

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the Higher Education Task Force.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ designates five members of the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate;
- ▶ designates seven members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the House; and
- ▶ requires the task force to study issues concerning the state system of higher education, including institutional missions, tuition, and other issues.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates:

- ▶ \$10,050 to the Senate; and
- ▶ \$14,070 to the House of Representatives.

Other Special Clauses:

This bill is repealed on November 30, 2007.

Uncodified Material Affected:

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. **Higher Education Task Force -- Creation -- Membership -- Interim rules followed -- Compensation -- Staff.**

(1) There is created the Higher Education Task Force consisting of the following 12

30 members:

31 (a) five members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than
32 three of whom may be from the same political party; and

33 (b) seven members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the
34 House of Representatives, no more than five of whom may be from the same political party.

35 (2) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed
36 under Subsection (1)(a) as a cochair of the task force.

37 (b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House
38 of Representatives appointed under Subsection (1)(b) as a cochair of the task force.

39 (3) In conducting its business, the task force shall comply with the rules of legislative
40 interim committees.

41 (4) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force shall be paid in accordance
42 with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rule 15.03.

43 (5) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support
44 to the task force.

45 **Section 2. Duties -- Interim report.**

46 (1) The task force shall review and make recommendations on the following issues:

47 (a) the mission of the state's higher education institutions;

48 (b) any existing overlap in the mission and roles of the state's higher education
49 institutions and partnerships between institutions;

50 (c) the appropriateness of tuition charged by the state's higher education institutions;

51 (d) challenges related to concurrent enrollment;

52 (e) the use of technology at institutions of higher education;

53 (f) the transfer of credits between institutions of higher education;

54 (g) higher education preparation, participation, and completion rates; and

55 (h) other issues concerning the state system of higher education.

56 (2) A final report, including any proposed legislation shall be presented to the
57 Education Interim Committee before November 30, 2007.

58 Section 3. **Appropriation.**

59 There is appropriated from the General Fund for fiscal year 2007-08 only:

60 (1) \$10,050 to the Senate to pay for the compensation and expenses of senators on the
61 task force; and

62 (2) \$14,070 to the House of Representatives to pay for the compensation and expenses
63 of representatives on the task force.

64 Section 4. **Repeal date.**

65 This bill is repealed on November 30, 2007.